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PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) -- BROWN UNIVERSITY WON'T PUNISH THE SO-CALLED JABBERWOCKY 13 FOR READING LEWIS CARROLL'S POEM ''JABBERWOCKY'' DURING A SPEECH BY CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM J. CASEY, A DISCIPLINARY BOARD SAID FRIDAY.

BUT LEE CLAPP, A CHEMISTRY PROFESSOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, SAID THE BOARD DID FIND THAT THE 13 STUDENTS WERE GUILTY OF DEPRIVING CASEY OF HIS RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH.

THE BOARD DECIDED AGAINST PUNISHMENT, SAID CLAPP, BECAUSE THE INCIDENT WAS ''MINIMAL AND IN THE SPIRIT OF PROTEST.''

THIRTEEN STUDENTS WHO INTERRUPTED CASEY ON OCT. 15 BY RISING IN THE AUDIENCE TO READ ''JABBERWOCKY'' WERE DUBBED THE JABBERWOCKY 13 AFTER BROWN BROUGHT CHARGES THAT COULD HAVE LED TO THEIR EXPULSION.

AT A HEARING ON THE CHARGES THURSDAY NIGHT, THE STUDENTS ADMITTED THEY INTERRUPTED CASEY'S LECTURE WITH CARROLL'S POEM ABOUT A KNIGHT SEEKING TO SLAY A MONSTER. BUT THEY DENIED THAT THEY HAD DEPRIVED CASEY OF HIS RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH.

''IF WE REALLY WANTED TO DISRUPT MR. CASEY'S SPEECH, WE WOULD HAVE RECITED 'PARADISE LOST,''' SAID PROTESTER GWENLLIAN L. KRAUSE, REFERRING TO JOHN MILTON'S EPIC POEM.

THE JABBERWOCKY 13 SAID THEY WERE PROTESTING BROWN'S ACCEPTANCE OF $50,000 FROM THE CONSERVATIVE JOHN M. OLIN FOUNDATION TO SPONSOR LECTURES ON NATIONAL SECURITY. IT SPONSORED CASEY'S ADDRESS.

JOHN J. ROBINSON, DEAN OF STUDENTS, URGED THE BOARD TO PUNISH THE STUDENTS FOR VIOLATING A UNIVERSITY PRINCIPLE. ''WHETHER THE SPEAKER IS AN OBSCENITY TO SOME OR ALL IS NOT THE ISSUE,'' HE SAID.

PHYSICS PROFESSOR PHILIP BRAY SAID HE DEPLORED CASEY'S VIEWS BUT FOUND THE PROTEST ''ARROGANT, RUDE AND CHILDISH TO THE EXTREME.''

BUT ANOTHER PROFESSOR, ANNE FAUSTO-STERLING, ARGUED THAT THE POETRY READING DID NOT DISRUPT CASEY'S SPEECH BECAUSE HE WAS ABLE TO MAKE ALL HIS POINTS. SHE SAID BROWN APPEARED TO BE PERSECUTING THE PROTESTERS FOR THEIR LIBERAL POLITICAL BELIEFS.

SHARON COHEN, ONE OF THE 13, CALLED THE PROTEST ''A NOVEL EXPRESSION OF DISSENT'' THAT WAS ''NEVER INTENDED TO VIOLATE THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.''

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